

## TIED OF LIFE HE SUICIDED

William Wells of North Gainesville Has Passed Away.

### USED A COMMON PEN KNIFE

And Severed His Jugular Vein, Bleeding to Death in a Few Moments.—First Discovered by Little Daughter—A Sad Occurrence.

North Gainesville was the scene of an awful tragedy last night, when William Wells, probably dreaming of what an easy life the future would be compared to the past, took his own life by severing his jugular vein with a pen-knife.

The unfortunate victim was discovered by his little daughter, Nellie, about 8 o'clock in the evening. She went to the door leading to the room of the deceased, and, finding it locked, knocked several times. Knowing her father was in the room and receiving no response, an entrance was gained and she beheld a ghastly sight, William Wells lying on the bed in a pool of blood—dead.

In the hand of the unfortunate man was found a small pen-knife. His jugular vein was severed, and that told the sad tale.

The coroner was notified, and after viewing the remains it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary, it having been a plain case.

Mr. Wells was well known in this city, where he has resided for many years. While his death will be regretted by his friends, it will be received with little surprise, as he has been despondent ever since the death of his beloved wife, a fine Christian lady, a few months ago.

Friends of the family offer deep sympathy in this hour of sorrow and bereavement.

### KIRBY SMITH ELECTION.

Officers Were Chosen for the Ensuing Year—A Fine Meeting.

The annual meeting of Kirby Smith Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held at the home of the president, Mrs. H. H. McCreary, Thursday morning, at which the election of officers was held for the ensuing term as follows:

Mrs. J. N. Strobhar, president; Mrs. G. W. Moyers, first vice-president; Mrs. J. F. McKinstry, Jr., second vice-president; Miss Maude Graham, recording secretary; Mrs. John Chesnut, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. W. Taylor, registrar; Mrs. F. R. Seawell, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Wainwright, historian; Mrs. H. H. McCreary, assistant historian.

The meeting was well attended, and considerable interest was manifested. A casual review of the past year's work showed the chapter to be in excellent condition, financially and otherwise, and the ladies feel greatly encouraged. There were several applications for membership, but inasmuch as this was a meeting called for the express purpose of the election of officers, same was deferred until the next regular meeting.

In retiring as president of the chapter Mrs. McCreary may feel gratified that she has accomplished good work. She was for four consecutive years in the chair, and the members of the chapter gave her up reluctantly. The affairs have been conducted in a business-like, fair and impartial manner, which went as evidence of the parliamentary and business ability of this lady. Her successor, Mrs. J. N. Strobhar, however, is a lady of rare ability, full of energy and popular among her associates, and will no doubt retain the excellent reputation of her predecessor.

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be held on the first Thursday in February.

### Pleasant and Most Effective.

T. J. Chambers, Editor Vindicator, Liberty, Texas, writes Dec. 23, 1902: "With pleasure and unsolicited by you, I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it in my family and can cheerfully affirm it is the most effective and pleasant remedy for coughs and colds I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

### Attention, Odd Fellows.

The regular weekly meeting of Center Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F., will be held at the lodge room over Dutton's bank this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, and visiting brothers will receive a cordial welcome. There will be work.

J. W. BLANDINO, N. G.  
J. G. TORREY, Sec.

### HAD TO HIDE IT

A mother wrote us recently that she had to keep Scott's Emulsion under lock and key—her children used to drink it whenever her back was turned. Strange that children should like something that is so good for them. It's usually the other way. Scott's Emulsion makes children comfortable, makes them fat and rosy-cheeked. Perhaps that's why they like it so much—they know it makes them feel good.

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### MR. HODGE'S DESCRIPTION.

He Describes as Best as Possible the Colored Man Who Robbed Him.

Hon. Charles Hodge, erstwhile political aspirant for the Lower House of the Legislature, who was knocked down, dragged over palmetto roots and robbed of \$4.60 and a rubber stamp by a colored boy in the woods near Alachua, in broad-open daylight Saturday, has furnished, it is said, the following description of the robber, to the best of his recollection under the trying state of affairs:

"He is a boy between fourteen and fifteen years old, wearing long pants with a good height. He had on blue overalls, double-seated and double-kneed. They are about half worn out. Had on a brown hand-made shirt with white buttons, and a grey sack-tail coat well worn on the sleeves, and a brown black hat. He is very dark and smart in size with heavy white teeth and his upper front teeth stick out and is double and effected between them, and a wide mouth, and his hair is red brown and lies close to his head. He is not bright in width and has an idle-some appearance and large white eyes. A long face and a short head."

Col. Hodge feels greatly provoked at this outrage, and will be willing to give anyone apprehending the rascal who relieved him of his money three dollars.

### MRS. GOODWIN'S AFFAIR.

Entertained Lady Friends at Whist in Most Hospitable Manner.

The elegant home of Mrs. J. A. Goodwin, 201 West Court street, was the scene of much gaily Wednesday afternoon, that lady having entertained in a clever manner a number of her lady friends at whist.

The affair was an entirely informal one, which made the occasion all the more enjoyable. There were ten tables, and the game was played with great enthusiasm.

At the conclusion of the contest it was discovered that Mrs. C. A. Nichols had won the first prize, a handsome Japanese vase, while the consolation prize, a burnt wood poster, fell to the lot of Mrs. J. T. Percival.

Mrs. L. C. Lynch and Misses Annie Scarlett and Mary Ammons assisted Mrs. Goodwin in receiving.

Delightful refreshments consisting of salad, etc., were served, and at a late hour the party dispersed, wishing the hostess a life of continued happiness.

### Stoessels Not a Prisoner of War.

Tokio, Jan. 17.—General Nogi has written to the government of Nagasaki, the following:

"As to the treatment of General Stoessels, you will be advised by the proper authorities, but it may not be out of place to point out that General Stoessels is now neither a prisoner of war or an enemy, but a foreign gentleman, who meritoriously served his country and, moreover so honorably performed, without unnecessary delay, the complicated task of transferring the forts and ammunition to Port Arthur that he deserved to be accorded full military honors, and I commend him to your consideration."

It is reported here that a Japanese gendarme discovered a woman about 20 years old, disguised, among the Russian prisoners brought to Nishima. She was much embarrassed at the exposure and is now located in special quarters.

## PECAN CULTURE COMING INDUSTRY

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### PRODUCT IS ALWAYS STEADY

There is Little Fluctuation on the Price of Pecans, and a Market Can be Found Anywhere in the World—A Big Thing for Florida.

As was stated in the Sun of Wednesday, Dr. M. H. DePass of Archer has just completed the setting of a ten-acre grove of pecans on his place.

Dr. DePass, like many others, believes that the pecan industry, which is already assuming good proportions, is going to become the leading industry of Florida. It is a product which is always in demand at all seasons of the year, does not require refrigeration to market, and may be held subject to better prices without loss. Another advantage is that the pecan is a hardy tree, and will resist the coldest weather. Once a pecan tree arrives at maturity it is a sure income for generations to come.

There are a great many pecan orchards scattered in various portions of the State, but this section seems better adapted than any other. The trees seem to flourish better and bear more prolifically and better fruit than in any section, as has been demonstrated, on various occasions in competition from the products of other sections.

Dr. DePass is a firm believer in the "pecan future" of this section, and has exemplified his sincerity by putting out this ten-acre grove. The trees are of the celebrated Jacox variety, which took the prize at the World's Fair, St. Louis. It is a paper shell fruit of exceptional flavor, very large and shapely, and always finds a ready sale on the market at home or abroad. Dr. DePass expects that the trees will be bearing within the next three years, when he will be financially independent.

### A Grim Tragedy

Is daily enacted in thousands of homes, as death claims, in each one, another victim of consumption or pneumonia. But when coughs and colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One nose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

### Held Fraudulent Election.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 19.—In a deposition Mrs. Blanche Shaw, presented here in a hearing in the district court in the election fraud cases Mrs. Shaw declares that she assisted Chief of Detectives E. H. Wilson, in making out dozens of fraudulent registration sheets and received pay from him for so doing. Mrs. Shaw has been in custody since the grand jury began investigating the election frauds, and the deposition was taken in order to secure her freedom.

### Trainmen Will Strike.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—W. G. Lee, vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Trainmen stated today that 95 per cent of the 12,000 members of the union had voted to give the grievance committee authority to call a strike of trainmen employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, if necessary, to secure the repeal of the company's order making firing by brakemen compulsory. This is the main grievance of the trainmen. The vote was counted in this city.

### Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former soldiers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

## Some people have the taking-cold habit

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